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Dear OCC Director,

This letter describes how the Kalispel Tribe of Indians plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use the CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- Increase the number of families eligible for CCDF child care assistance subsidies by increasing the income eligibility guidelines.
- Waive co-pays for all CCDF eligible families.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- Purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) and sanitation supplies for this Tribally operated center.
- Purchase UV sanitizers and toy sanitizers.
- Purchase sanitizing door mats.
- Purchase supplies for CCDF eligible families to use prior to entering the building (thermometers, PPE, hand sanitizer)

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- Provide quarterly retention bonuses to child care employees for the 2021 calendar year.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- Currently, we do not have a plan for this activity and are waiting for further guidance from the Office of Child Care.



5. Other

- Provide professional development training opportunities on Trauma Informed Care for child care employees.

The Kalispel Tribe of Indians will amend our CCDF plan as a result of any activities implemented under the CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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